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City Open to S. F. Workers

Marinship Releases Demand on Housing

Housing in Marin City has been thrown open to workers in all essential industries in San Francisco and Marin County, according to a regional order of last Friday, this week revealed Merritt Webster, assistant executive director here. "This means practically anyone who is working is eligible to live here," says Webster. The new listing is almost as big as a telephone directory and is being increased daily. It certifies workers in nearly everything from laundries to shipyards for residence in this housing project.

The new incoming residents will take up the slack resulting from Marinship's decreased payroll, says Webster. Recently the Maritime Commission has relinquished all requirements on housing here, he added.

Although Marin City no longer has a waiting list of families desiring housing, there are no vacancies outside of those created by the lapse of time between residents leaving and others coming in. Webster declared that at present there is an even balance — with replacements equalling the number of families moving away from Marin City.

Newcomers will be recommended to Marin City by the War Housing Center in San Francisco, where there is a critical shortage of housing for families.

Workers living here who have terminated at Marinship and are now working in other industries, are asked to contact the rental office and inform officials of the change. "This is not to spy or check up on eligibility, as nearly any job will certify a worker for residence here, but to keep our statistical reports up to date," says Webster.

The newest ruling follows a first relaxation which permitted workers in an additional number of county industries to reside here.

Council Seeks New Members For 11 Seats

With 11 vacant seats to fill, the Marin City Council faces the gravest situation in its two year history. Unless enough public-spirited citizens can be found to volunteer their time to the community, the council which was originally formed to serve as a bargaining agent between residents and the housing authority, may be forced to seriously curtail its activities.

"Councilmen have not formed a self-sufficient clique, as has often been assumed in this town. Today, as always, we welcome 'new blood' in this civic body. To keep it a vital organization, new councilmen and women are needed to replace those who have served their terms or who have moved away from the city.

"Now that Marin City is on its last lap, although we anticipate at least another year of residence here, there are plans to reduce the public meetings to once a month — allowing committees to carry the burden of specific community jobs," says Chairman Dan Allen.

To be placed on the ballot for election, candidates must file a nomination petition by Wednesday noon, May 16. This Sunday the nominating period opens, and residents may secure the forms at the rental office or project services office, Bldg. 402. Only five names of neighbors are necessary on the petitions.

Incumbents Mrs. Milton Percy, W. C. Billingsley, W. Cleaver, Maurice Gibbs, Melvin Brown and Dan Allen have not declared their candidacy for re-election. The only members not up for election are John Walton and Earl James from District D. Consequently there are vacancies in each district which must be filled.

Blood Donors are Needed for May 11 Appointments

An urgent call for all Marin City blood donors, both old-timers and newcomers, is being made this week by the Red Cross Mobile Unit Service. A new quota of 200 pints must be met to keep pace with war demands in the Pacific.

The next Blood Bank Day in the Community House is Friday, May 11. Tomorrow, May 5, the Red Cross desk in the Rental Office will be staffed in the morning so that residents may register.

During the week, residents may also sign up with Chairman Mrs. W. C. Billingsley at A15-116 or phone Sausalito 568J.

Cub Pack to Be Organized Here May 15

An organizational meeting for Marin City Cub Scouts will be held in the Community House Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m., announces Vern Lindburg, chairman of the Boy Scout committee which is sponsoring the proposed new group.

All local boys, 9 to 15 years of age, are eligible to join and are urged to attend this first meeting. The committee especially wants parents of the boys to attend also.

Lindburg announced that leaders of the Cub Pack will be Gordon Morehead and W. L. Parker. Cubs desiring advance information about this popular activity may see Rolf Bremer at the Fire Station.

Draper Leaves Advertising Job on Citizen

Jess F. Draper, A65-Apt. 520, is leaving The Marin Citizen for a well-earned rest this week. For, in addition to his position as advertising manager since July 14, 1944, he has been working as a steel and tool expert on swing shift at the yard.

Not being content with what the average citizen might consider two full-time jobs, Draper formerly served as councilman, and filled up the in-between moments by being one of those rare persons who are never too busy to give time and effort to anything which might contribute to the welfare of Marin City.

And, if we are to credit the testimony of Mrs. Draper and his popular daughter Lynn, he did all right by his family, too.

Draper's needed vacation will consist only in his rest from the advertising job, as he is continuing his work at Marinship.

Replacing him temporarily on The Marin Citizen is Al Cantor, Marin Journal advertising manager.

Double V Changes Meeting Date

In order that its members and friends may spend an uninterrupted Sunday on Mother's Day, May 13, J. W. Walton, president of the Double V Club, announces that the club will hold its regular meeting Sunday, May 6, at 2 p.m., in the Community House council room.

New Reporter

Mrs. Ethel Watts, Medical Center night nurse and an accomplished author, temporarily joined the Marin Citizen staff this week. Serving as feature, society and news reporter during the afternoons, she won admiring gratitude from the editor.

Smith Joins Staff of Camp Hood Paper

Michael B. Smith, former Marin Citizen columnist, writes that he is an acting corporal assigned to the Camp Hood, Texas, regimental newspaper. On "The Firing Line", he will be a reporter and columnist.

In his latest description of basic training, he asserts that it is getting more rugged every day, and remarks about his first 12-mile march with full pack.

Following the hike, the troops were subjected to every deadly gas that is known—where they learned to put on a gas mask in seven seconds.

"As a climax, when we lined up for lunch, the instructors staged a surprise tear gas attack with no warning whatever. Although the gas is not dangerous, it is uncomfortable. You see, the Army believes in realistic training for its men," Smith pointed out.

However, the 32-year-old inductee who entered the Army one month ago, boasts that so far he has taken everything in full stride.

Already pride in regiment has overcome him. He states, "Remember this. When you see a soldier wearing the infantryman's symbol (crossed rifles) on his lapel, he is the best fighter in the Army—this applies to combat troops only."

First Nuptials in the Religious Center
Evelyn Estes Wed to Charles Steffes

The first wedding in the Marin City Religious Center took place Tuesday evening at eight o'clock when Miss Evelyn Estes, daughter of Mrs. Robert Coffee of Waldo Point, and Charles Steffes, House 127, Marin City, were united in marriage. Advancing slowly up the aisle of Center Chapel to the strains of the Wedding March played by Mrs. Silas Arnsten, of San Rafael, the bridal party halted in front of the altar which had been exquisitely decorated in ferns, calla lillies, snowballs, wisteria and sweet peas by Mrs. Arthur Eberitzsch, of Waldo Point. There the beautiful double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Eben R. T. Blomquist, President of the California Mission of Latter Day Saints. Rev. Blomquist is an old friend of the Coffee family and came over from his parish in San Francisco to officiate at the wedding.

The bride wore the traditional white satin wedding gown with a floor-length veil, and carried a bouquet of white carnations and white roses which formed a suitable background for her brunette beauty. Her attendant, Mrs. Roy Estes, matron of honor, wore a dainty gown of pink marquisette. She was given away by her stepfather, Mr. Robert Coffee.

The groom, attired in conventional black, was attended by his friend, E. K. Coleman of San Francisco.

The invited guests, about 50 friends and relatives of the young couple, from Marin City, Sausalito, San Rafael, and San Francisco, were ushered to their seats by Robert Estes, brother of the bride, and William White.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the room adjoining the chapel, where the refreshments of punch, salad and sandwiches were topped off by a magnificent three-tiered white wedding cake.

After performing her first wifely duty of cutting the cake, the bride opened her wedding presents arrayed on a long table in the reception room, and many were the admiring "ohs!" and "ahs!" as the handsome and thoughtful gifts were displayed. But the crowning event of all was when the groom removed the many wrappings from his one super-over-sized package and disclosed one very small baby rattle. And of course, everyone shouted with laughter, and the groom, after the manner of grooms from time immemorial, just blushed and blushed.

Miss Estes was a former student at Tamalpais High School and is 17 years old. She can truly boast of a war-time romance as she met her husband while she was working as a messenger girl at the shipyard last summer. Her family, the Robert Coffees, are old and well-known residents of Waldo Point. As Mr. Coffee whimsically put it: they had always lived there, when all of a sudden they woke up one morning and Marin City, like something out of a book of magic, had grown up all around them.

Mr. Steffes, son of Mrs. Charles Steffes, and grandson of Mrs. M. B. Dettloff, Marin City, is a former resident of Minneapolis, Minn., and is now employed as a civilian worker at the Tiburon Net Depot. A former student of the University of Minnesota, where he was majoring in Latin, he plans to return to college after the war and resume his studies. He is now 22 years of age.

Pursued by a chorus of congratulations, good wishes and showers of rice, the happy pair left for a week's honeymoon near Clear Lake. After their return they will be at home to their friends at House 127, Marin City, as Mr. Steffes' mother and grandmother, who formerly lived there, are returning to their home in Minneapolis.

County Pays Leet Damage in Beating Case

A happy ending to a sordid story of police brutality was written this week, with the release of Dana Leet of Marin City, from Napa Hospital, and the award of $750 to him from the county insurance company for injuries he received from Marin City deputies.

The Leet case, which became a cause celebre in the county several months ago, began when doctors recommended his confinement to a psychiatric ward for a mental breakdown. As there is no method of confining a patient without legal commitment, he was first transported to the county jail.

On his way there, he was repeatedly struck about the head and shoulders by a deputy, it was charged, who declared he was becoming violent. A nurse, accompanying the patient, asserted there was no cause for the alleged brutality. And thus began a fight which led the Board of Supervisors to demand complete reports on the case from Sheriff Walter Sellmer and District Attorney Harold Haley.

Although legal action was never filed by Leet or his champions, payment of the $750 acquits the county of any future claims for damages.

At home this week, Leet is completely recovered from his breakdown which he attributes to lack of sleep. Before it occurred he worked 20 months on the graveyard shift at Marinship, followed by a period of swing shift plus overtime, resulting in complete axhaustion.

Eave Lights Controlled by Householders

"We hope that residents will make full use of the lights now being installed on the eaves of some of the houses," declared Merritt B. Webster, assistant executive director of the Housing Authority, today.

"These lights are to be thought of as street lights. As they illuminate stairs and pathways used by a number of families, we hope residents will turn them on when it becomes dark, and leave them on as long as needed.

"We also desire that residents turn them off in the morning, both to conserve electricity and to make the globes last as long as possible. Both electricity and globes must be saved to help the war effort. Globes are somewhat difficult to buy in quantity. We count on the co-operation of those families to whose houses the lights are attached.

"Please do not count on our immediately replacing the globes that are burned out. Replacements will have to be made several at a time and done as it fits into other maintenance schedules. It may in some instances take several days to make a replacement," he concluded.

Milen Dempster and Mrs. Marie Larson attended a child guidance clinic at Sunny Hills on Wednesday.

Famed Recreation Leader to Offer Instruction in Marin

John Batchelor, one of the nation's outstanding teachers of recreation, will be here in Marin City from May 16 to May 20, it was announced today by Marjorie Thompson, director of Marin City Recreation. He will lead special classes at night for adults and teeners interested in any phase of recreation leadership. He will be available to Boy and Girl Scout leaders, volunteer workers, as well as to help train the paid recreation leaders.

The complete agenda and schedule for his institute in this county will be announced next week, Mrs. Thompson continued. In the meantime, Marin City residents are asked to bring any suggestions as to what kind of help we need from Batchelor to the Project Services Office in House 401, behind the Community Building. His program here can be fitted to meet what needs are expressed.

Batchelor will also be conducting training courses in recration throughout the county during his two-week period as well as in Marin City. General sessions for county leaders are planned for three mornings a week at the Marin Junior College, to which Marin City-ites are also welcome.

Batchelor is coming to this county under auspices of the Federal Security Agency, for whom he has been working for the last three and a half years. For the past 20 years he has served as field secretary of the National Recreation Association, covering 13 mid-western states. During this time he has instructed in every phase of recreation in NRA institutes and administration schools. He has conducted highly successful institutes in Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Louisville and Omaha, and lectured at Notre Dame, Indiana, Illinois, Purdue, Wisconsin, Kentucky and Minnesota universities. Preceding this he had a complete and full experience in leading and organizing recreation. For six years he was head of the City Recreation Department at Duluth, Minn.

For the Federal Security Agency, he is now conducting training institutes in this part of the country. He recently completed an institute at Los Angeles. After the two weeks in Marin, he will continue his training courses in San Francisco.

Merchant Mariner Mitchell Home On Furlough

Charles Mitchell, House 18, who is serving with the Merchant Marine in the South Pacific, is home for a few days furlough. The reunion with his family is an eciting and happy one; he has so many interesting things to tell them—of strange lands and peoples and war news that the correspondents miss.

Mitchell says he is well pleased with everything about his job. The hours of work are well organized and he has plenty of time and many facilities for recreation. He expects to come back to civilian life after the war, a healthier and happier man after his experience.

Although military rules do not permit telling the exact time of his departure, he states that he intends to ship out again soon.

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Theft of Gloves Cancels All Baseball Games

Thieves broke into the locker at the playground last night and stole several baseball gloves. They cannot be replaced as the Recreation Department does not have the money to buy new ones, nor are they on the market at this time.

"All grammar school baseball games will have to be cancelled until the gloves are returned to the Recreation Department," declares Director Marjorie Thompson.

UNCIO People May Tour Our Town Soon

Marin City may soon serve as host to a score or more of San Francisco conference delegates and dignataries if the invitation proferred this week by the local housing authority is accepted.

According to word from Langdon Post, regional FPHA director, a number of the UNCIO people have voiced interest in Bay Area projects. In an attempt to satisfy this curiosity, city officials have sent a proposed tour itinerary to the regional office which would give the sightseers a quick once-over of this housing project and surrounding area.

However, residents who witness such a colorful delegation from the city, should not jump to the conclusion that the visitors are prospective buyers of these dwellings for shipment to Russia, China, or Germany. Marin City houses are not demountable, and according to experts, will probably terminate their war careers in a blazing bonfire.

School Cafeteria

C. L. Boyle, superintendent of the Marin City Schools, reports that the School Cafeteria building will be inspected with a view to final acceptance, on Tuesday.

The actual opening, however, will depend on the rather uncertain delivery of folding tables, stools, steam tables and refrigeration unit.

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Group Will Swap Film for Photographer

Many photographers are known to have been suffering from frustration in recent years due to the unavailability of film, states Dan Allen, chairman of the Recreation Committee. The Recreation Committee proposes to help relieve this situation by providing film for some enterprising individual who would like to cooperate with the committee by taking snapshots of different scenes and groups around Marin City.

The proposed plan is that the committee would provide the film, the photographer would take the pictures which would in turn be made available to the public, and the proceeds from which would go towards raising money for recreation equipment of which there is an acute shortage at present.

Do not hold back from offering your services, Allen urges, because you have not had professional experience. That is not necessary. If you feel that you would be interested in giving the project a try, or in considering it, write Allen a note (Box 5, Marin City), or drop by his house some evening (House 133).

Easy Access to Laundry Room Results in Fire

Unsuccessful efforts of the local fire department to persuade the maintenance department to re-install the door off the laundry room of apartment unit A65, resulted this week in consequences that might have been serious.

Mischievous children started a bonfire in the middle of the floor, using a coat for fuel. Quick discovery and prompt fire control measures by the tenants prevented what undoubtedly could have been a disaster.

By the time that the Fire Department arrived, the fire was out, the children had scattered, and there was no way of identifying the culprits — also a regrettable thing. For, as Fire Chief Rolf G. Bremmer pointed out, children—as well as adults —must realize that they have responsibilities, not only for themselves and the things that belong to them, but also for the lives and properties of their neighbors.

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Neighbors Lend Confusion to Fracture Case in Town

Kenneth Rennier, House 435, 8-year-old son of C. J. Rennier, a guard at San Quentin, contracted a severe Colles fracture of the right fore-arm while playing on a barrel in front of his home last Wednesday.

Brought at once to the Medical Center by his mother, the fracture was reduced, a temporary splint applied and sedatives given by Dr. Nathan Mann who was on night emergency call. The parents were then advised to take the child home for the night to recover from shock and swelling, while arrangements could be made to take him in the following day for X-rays and necessary treatment by a bone specialist.

However, according to Mrs. E. Watts, night nurse in charge, one or two all-wise neighbors, the type that makes efficient and constructive work difficult for any department—had so confused the nervous and naturally panic stricken parents with their ill-considered advice, that they took a terrified, suffering child on the long cold ride to Ross Hospital, only to bring him home again because no X-ray technicians were available at that hour.

The Medical Center reports this incident because it has met with so much local misinformation in cases of this sort that lead only to unnecessary suffering and unhappiness.

Dr. Frank Lowe, eminent bone specialist, consultant and member of the California Physician's Service Referral Staff, wishes the Medical Center to notify everyone that he absolutely refuses to accept a fracture case for immediate X-ray, cast application, or bone surgery. He wishes them to have a necessary period of rest to recover from shock and swelling, after the reduction has been made, and temporary splints applied by the Medical Center physicians.

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Many Summer Camps for Children, Teeners Nearby

by Ethel Johnson

The purpose of today's article is to acquaint parents who are interested in sending their children away for a few weeks' vacation this summer with various recreational summer camps available in northern California. (A future article in this series will deal exclusively with harvest camps which will be of interest to teeners desiring to earn some money this summer.)

North of Lake Tahoe, in the High Sierras near Donner Summit, the Boy Scouts have a campsite where each year they have two two-weeks camp periods during the month of July. Any boy 12 years or over may become a Scout and eligible to attend the camp. The boys live in tents, have their own lake and lead a healthy out-of-door life for two weeks. The camp provides everything except blankets and eating utensils for a charge to the boy of $11 a week.

The Girl Scouts have a camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Camp Chaparral. They have two three-weeks camp periods between July 6th and August 17th.

The YMCA has several camps. Camp Jones Gulch in San Mateo County is a camp for boys from 9 to 16 years of age. The charge is $30 for a two-weeks period; the camp is open from June 28th to August 23rd. Nearby at Camp Wasita, the YMCA runs a similar camp for girls of the same age group. At Pine Crest, in the Sierras above Sonoma, they have another boys' camp, Camp McCoy, which runs from July 2nd to August 13th.

The YWCA has two 19-days camp periods for girls at Camp Timbertall, in Mendocino County, for which the total charge, including transportation, is $42. The first camp period starts June 26th and the second, July 19th. In addition to crafts, overnight hikes and recreation programs which are characteristic of most camps, at Camp Timbertall girls who are musically inclined have a special opportunity to express themselves.

Marin County has two privately run camps for boys and girls from 6 to 12 years of age. Hal Gregg's camp, Forrest Farm, three miles from Camp Taylor, is divided into two camp periods of four weeks each, running through July and August. The charge is $35 a week. Walton's Camp, situated between Forrest Knolls and Lagunitas, is run by Mrs. Chester Anderson, principal of Lagunitas School. A special feature of this camp is its craft shop.

Should the reader wish further information concerning any of the above mentioned camps he can either phone the indicated person or agency, or come to the Project Services office of the Housing Authority.

Editor's Note:—This is the second of a series of articles on summer camps in northern California.

Make an appointment, and keep it, to donate blood here on May 11, when the Red Cross Mobile Unit visits Marin City.

1260 Chest X-rays During Last Week

A very successful campaign for chest Xrays by the Marin County Tuberculosis Association is reported by Miss Verna Norton, Public Health Nurse serving with the Marin City branch of the Marin County Health Department.

The Xray Trailer Unit operated over a four day period, during which time all students and residents, who had made application, from the following High School Districts, were examined: San Rafael High, 2 days; Tamalpais High, 1 day; Tomales High, 2 hours. A total of 1260 chest Xrays were taken.

Only those cases needing further study will receive reports, which should arrive in about three weeks. If you do not get a report it means that the Marin County Tuberculosis Association gives your personal respiratory equipment a clean bill of health. And, of course, Miss Norton points out, all reports are absolutely confidential.

Scout Council

The Boy Scout Council of District 1 will meet in the Marin City Community House next Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Dance Band May Solve Play Problems

Time was when good dance orchestras were begging for engagements. But the war-caused scarcity of such male organizations has ensnared the Marin City Recreation Committee in a vicious circle.

Problem No. 1 right now is to buy enough baseball equipment for six boys' teams and two girls' teams. Problem No. 2 is to raise the money for this equipment.

The recreation committee believes the quickest and most effective solution is to give a Sunday night dance, which brings us to Problem No. 3—where to find a good union orchestra.

The orchestra should be available from 8 to 12 p.m. some Sunday night within the next three weeks and consist of four to six pieces. Anyone who has information about such a band is urged to contact a staff member in House 401, or phone Sausalito 1180 and ask for the recreation department.

All of which will eventually lead us to Problem No. 4, or where to find baseball equipment to buy. But with funds available and much scouting around, the recreation committee feels this can be accomplished.

Correction

We regretfully offer a correction as to the identity of the wife of Paul Heger, A28-232, whose death was recorded in our last week's issue.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carol C. Heger, a WAVE, stationed at the Naval Air Base in San Diego.

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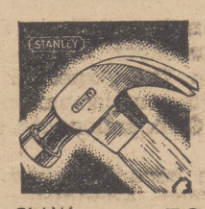

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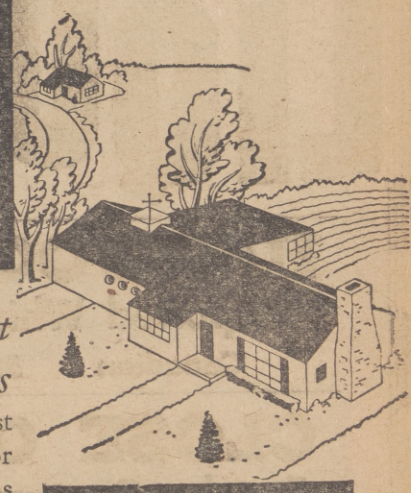

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Teener Topics

Edited by Nancy Larsen.

SPORTS
By Betty Starr

Since the last sports column was written, the Girls' Softball Team practices have been changed to Mondays and Wednesdays. More girls are attending the practices. Thanks for the swell response, girls.

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Little Birdie Says

Which is the bluest—Jean Valley or Madelyn Walker since they heard that "Lucky" Hines is going back to Arkansas.

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That's a very cute picture of himself at one-year-old that Tom McDaniel carries in his billfold. His first picture, too.

Marvin Gardner really drools whenever he sees Irene Cramer (could it be "love at first sight?)

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Bob Clark seems to have forgotten about the sweet times he had with Carla Norgren. She wonders why he doesn't write. What's the matter, Bob?

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Knocking on doors is a VERY bad habit—many people call it annoyance. What say, Dolores and Dorla?

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Seems that Harry O'Neil and Keith Parker want a date for Saturday night. Wonder what's coming off? Come on, girls — help them out!

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What's the matter, Elayne? Pat Williams sure seemed to enjoy himself after you left Stinson Beach Sunday afternoon. **Are you slipping, Elayne?**

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"Skinny" Roland left for Des Moines, Iowa. We were sorry to see him go.

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Is Beryl McKnight sick because of his tooth, or is it Mary? I wonder whose heart is aching? Could it be Dorothy Johnson?

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I wonder what chick is falling for Ronnie Walton.

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Could Eddie Burroughs be going with that Frisco Chick? I wonder!

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Notice

To All Council Members:

There will be a council meeting next Tuesday, May 8. Please attend the meeting at 8 p.m.

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If anyone puts any Teener news in the Marin City news box please make things a little clearer. Give a little more details—full names, etc.

LEATHER WORK

A leather class for teener boys and girls will open in Bldg. 398 next Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Materials for all types of work — moccasins, wallets, purses, anything you fancy — will be provided for a very small fee. All are eligible to join. The instructor will be Mrs. Marion Kerns from the Recreation Department.

Who's New in Your Household

Now's the time to sign up those new persons in your household who are not yet registered with the medical plan. Play safe and sign them up this week when you pay your rent, urges Mrs. Milton Percy, chairman of the residents' medical committee. Don't wait until someone becomes ill, for then it is too late, she warns.

Canning Sugar Ration Cut 30 Per Cent

Home canning rations for civilian consumers were cut back from the expected 20 pounds to 15 pounds maximum per person, OPA announced this week.

"We have been informed by the War Food Administration that domestic sugar reserves are at rock bottom," says the district office. "Consumers this year for the first time in two decades must depend entirely on current production. The supply situation has also been affected by tremendously increased requirements for liberated Europe and by a rate of civilian consumption exceeding allocations."

Local ration boards have been instructed to issue only up to 70 per cent as much sugar for home canning as they issued last year. The maximum amount per family will be 120 pounds.

Home canners are advised to apply for their rations by mail. The Mill Valley Price and Ration Board will mail, on request, a form to fill out. On it the consumer should state how many quarts she expects to put up, how many were put up last year, the size of the family. Attach spare stamp 13 from War Ration Book Four for every member of the family listed. The board will consider each application and allot sugar on the basis of one pound for every four quarts you expect to can.

False Alarm

Mrs. Bob Miller of Marin City hadn't abandoned her children nor was she a missing person, in spite of newspaper comments, her husband, and the police—all of whom carried on a search Wednesday for her after she wandered away from her two school children in Sausalito during the afternoon.

Mrs. Miller returned home, strictly on her own, the following morning at 1:45.

Scenes from War in Italy At Adult Movie

Families and friends of servicemen who have been assigned to the Italian theatre of war will want to see "Report From the Beachhead", headliner for next Thursday's adult movie program scheduled for 8 p.m. in the community auditorium.

This Army Pictorial Service picture shows men and supplies loading at Naples for landing at Anzio. Scenes of the Anzio action, the removal of the wounded from the beachhead, and sweeping mine fields constitute a dramatic war document.

Both adults and teeners will recognize true-to-life situations in the second film, "Youth in Crisis", which portrays the unnatural excitement and disturbances resulting from war, and affecting both home and community life. The film follows through with the development of neurosis and delinquency in such situations and answers the problem with the story of effective steps taken by other intelligent communities in building character in youth.

A Walt Disney color cartoon of necessary precautions to insure pure water will complete the program.

Adult movies are shown each Thursday at 8 p.m. Children under 13 are not admitted unless accompanied by their parents. Admission is nine cents to cover mailing and postage charges for the films.

Dinsmores Lose Tire and Tube

A spare tire and tube were stolen from Dale Dinsmore's car last Sunday while it was parked in front of his home at A30-235, according to the sheriff's office.

"Because this follows other petty thefts in the neighborhood, we suspect that youngsters are responsible. Culprits should be aware that a new section of the penal code provides that theft of any tire is a felony, punishable by five years imprisonment in the state penitentiary," says a local deputy.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

Popular Artist At Opening of Music Chest

Negotiations are under way for presentation of one of the most popular and outstanding artists of the concert stage for opening of the Marin Music Chest's summer concert series, according to announcement today by Mrs. Norman Livermore, head of the Chest. The summer season will open sometime in June, Mrs. Livermore stated, and as soon as arrangements have been completed, the artist will be announced.

In order to hear these fine musicians for the lowest possible admission price, it is necessary to become a member of the Marin Music Chest. The annual membership drive is now in progress and will continue through May. Residents of San Rafael may obtain memberships at county headquarters, Casa Marin, Fourth and B Streets; San Rafael headquarters, main floor, Albert's; or by contacting Mrs. Joy Lichtenstein or chairman in immediate vicinity. Marin City residents should contact Mrs. Earl James or Mrs. W. C. Billingsley.

Concerts are given on Sunday afternoons during the season, and there is usually one evening concert when the Chest presents an outstanding ballet or a famous dancer.

Every $5 subscribed includes price of two tickets to every concert during the current season, mailed in advance. Memberships less than $5 entitle members to purchase one 25-cent ticket to every concert during the current season upon presentation of membership card at the gates of Forest Meadows, Dominican College. All men and women in uniform are admitted free to all Music Chest activities.

A report tea will be held May 25 at the home of Mrs. Livermore. All chairmen and workers are invited to attend. Reservations should be made through Mrs. Robert Digger, Kentfield, no later than May 18.

UNCIO Officials At Launching Here Today

Leading officials of the San Francisco Security Conference will pay their tribute to the Victory merchant fleets of the United Nations when the high speed tanker Fullerton Hills is launched by Marinship today.

Mrs. Henry F. Grady, wife of the chairman of the San Francisco Citizens Committee for the conference, will christen the ship at 7 p.m. in the name of the oilfield located at Fullerton, in Orange County, California. At her side will stand Miss Bernardino, delegate to the conference from the Dominican Republic, as maid of honor.

The 523-foot Fullerton Hills will be the 83rd Marinship vessel contributed to United Nations victory in less than three years of war production. Built to a super-modern design, the tanker is powered by an 8,250 horsepower turbo-electric motor. Her great tanks will carry sufficient gasoline to refuel an entire task force.

Paper Drive to Begin on North Hill this Sunday

This Sunday, May 6, there will be another paper drive in Marin City, conducted by the local Salvage Committee. Residents are urged to place bundles of newspapers and magazines along main roads for the day's collection.

The drive will begin on top of the north hill at about 11 a.m., proceed to the apartment area, then through the remainder of the house sections.

Some confusion resulted last Sunday because local Scouts did not participate in the county-wide Boy Scout paper drive. All residents who had bundles for that drive, are urged to place them out again this Sunday.

PG&E Offers Free Pressure Cooker Tests

Pacific Gas and Electric Company this year renews its offer for free testing of home-size pressure cookers equipped with dial-type and slide-type gauges. Home canners should call their local PG&E office for details of where and when the tests will be made.

The University of California Agricultural Extension Service stresses testing of pressure cookers as an essential safety precaution, as checking with a true gauge is the only means of determining whether or not the home cooker is accurate.

When the company inaugurated its free testing service last year, it was discovered that 10 per cent of the 6300 canners checked were unsafe for use. At least 50 per cent of the cookers had relief valves which did not function properly.

It is suggested that safety valves and petcocks be cleaned before submitting the cookers for testing, to facilitate work of the testers.

Only the lid of the pressure cooker need be brought in, as a new method of testing is being used.

Car Fire

Quick action by the Marin City Fire Department prevented loss of an automobile last Sunday when Jessie Beauchamp's car caught fire, apparently from a smoldering cigarette. Only damage to the vehicle was loss of one seat cushion.

Approximately 25 per cent of the eave lights have been installed this week.

Santos Baby Baptized at Sausalito

At the Star of the Sea Church in Sausalito Sunday afternoon, the two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Santos, A55 Apt. 438, was baptized Stanley Michael. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kerner of Marin City.

Among those present were Stanley Michael's little sister, Gwendolyn, and Jackie Riske, Marin City; and his cousins, Barbara, Elois, and Darlynlee Blackburn, who came over from San Francisco for the occasion.

After the ceremony, dinner was served in the parents' apartment to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Turner and small son Noel, of San Rafael; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kerner, and Barbara, Elois and Darlynlee Blackburn.

As a happy climax, the Blackburn children spent the weekend in Marin City with their grandmother, Mrs. Barbara Santos, and their aunt, Mrs. Nena Kerner.

Who, then, is the invincible man? He whom nothing that is outside the sphere of his moral purpose can dismay.—Epictetus.

Group Considers Future Need for Local USO Service

Miss Martha Scarlett, regional USO - Travelers' Aid director, was a visitor at the Marin City Advisory Committee meeting in the Community House last Thursday night.

The citizens' group discussed employment possibilities around Marin City, in relation to services provided by the local USO Cottage. As the situation is still uncertain, no decision was made as to how long the local service will be maintained.

Another review of its need here will be made within six weeks to two months.

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Hedda Hopper: Looking at HOLLYWOOD

How evil can you get? The answer seems to be—go as far as you like. Look at the cinematic cads who have become idols of millions, all because they gave out with that certain schmaltz when they smiled and got tough.

Squish a grapefruit in a lady's pan and become an international idol. Fight the frails, fool' em, kick 'em in the teeth. That's right, boys, be a gold plated heel. There's fame in being infamous; success in being snide; luxury in being a louse.

Alan Ladd, who hauls home more fan mail than the rest of the Paramount boys, collected his claque through rugged, hair-on-the-chest snarls and being quick on the draw. He was an overnight sensation in the role of the Raven. "This Gun for Hire" put Ladd in the top money class.

"Mask of Dimitrios" brought immediate celebrity to **Zachary Scott,** who played the most baleful bum possible. He wasn't even nice to his mother.

"Evil appeals to the romantic," said Scott, who's right back being swinish in "Strange Honeymoon" since he's finished "Hold Autumn in Your Hand."

"It's human nature to want to kick over the traces and be unconventional. Don't ask me why. But so few people have the nerve. Cases of wishful thinking are universal. Evil somehow is regarded as colorful and evildoers are thought to have intestinal fortitude for daring to be what they are.

"The public seems to find escapism in pictures about evil, and the sinners themselves are looked upon as fascinating because they're dangerous, and danger appeals to the multitude because it offers respite from routine," says the new devil hero, Scott.

EVIL LINGERS ON

Although "Public Enemy" was produced years ago, that touching sequence wherein **James Cagney** wallops **Mae Clarke** with a grapefruit is still recalled but lovingly by the baddies.

That performance definitely established Cagney in motion pictures. Today he's starring in independent productions produced by his brother, Bill, and has just finished a new rugged portrayal in "Blood on the Sun."

Clark Gable owes his start to dirty doings in a sagebrush thriller, "The Painted Desert."

Gable hadn't even been heard of before when he was hired for that job. But with the release of "The Painted Desert" all worries ceased for Gable. He snagged an M-G-M contract and everlasting fame.

From Pasadena Playhouse obscurity to a dynamic bit as a downed Nazi aviator who provided **Greer Garson** a few horrible minutes in "Mrs. Miniver" is the tale of **Helmut Dantine.**

His name was on every casting director's lips once his nasty Nazi interpretation was seen. Warners cornered the newcomer's signature on a term deal and he's been causing the heroines panic ever since. All of which hasn't affected Dantine with the girls of the world. They think he's just divine.

LIST KEEPS GROWING

As a menace in "Ship Ahoy" — **Red Skelton** conglomeration of nonsense—**John Hodiak** arose from the multitude of contractees. That he-man quality brought him "Lifeboat" opposite **Tallulah Bankhead.**.. The rest has been gravy for Master Hodiak, whose M-G-M future is really bright.

Gene Kelly realizes the value of being a heel. From being a personable no-good in "Pal Joey," a Broadway musical, Kelly attracted Hollywood's eye. His introduction to the camera was as a guy you loved hating in "For Me and My Gal." What a dirty life he gave **Judy Garland!**

The champion of nasty character of them all is **George Sanders,** who saunters back and forth between the devil and the angels. George's hateful dandy in "Lloyd's of London" brought him to our notice. It was his first big splash. He's been splashing ever since, and I don't mean in a bath-tub, either.

Yes, it pays to be bad.

Any actor, aspiring for fame, should not make heaven his destination, as far as film roles are concerned, but arm himself with a pitchfork and horns and charm the multitude.

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ANSWER TO HER PRAYER

R. K. O. has signed **Maureen O'Hara** for "The Fabulous Invalid." This play is taken from the Broadway hit by **Moss Hart** and **George S. Kaufman.** It's a drama of the American theater, told through the career of a famous actress, and will be done in technicolor. The role will give her a chance to do some real acting as well as look beautiful. **Dinah Shore** serenaded sailors on a warship at San Pedro the other morning. At sunrise she sang "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning."

Law Advances Liberal Policy For Housing

"It's not only the houses which are important in war housing projects, but the people themselves — teaching them to live and to enjoy themselves, to further their education — is fully as important as their dwellings," said Clarence Law, manager of Marin City, in an extemporaneous speech at the National Association of Housing Officials meeting in Berkeley last Wednesday.

Law's remarks were directed toward the goal of a "better and greater project services department to encourage recreation, community activities, and adult education classes.' He also urged closer cooperation between project services and management.

The meeting in the Claremont Hotel was called to establish a Bay Area chapter of the Association. The officials are urging participation in the group, not only of top housing people, but of staff workers and residents themselves — anyone interested enough to become a member is welcome, says Merritt Webster, executive director here.

NAHO is based on the premise that everyone should have a decent house in which to live. When the private housing industry has gone as far as it can reach, then NAHO recommends public or government building to take up the slack, according to Webster.

In attendance from Marin County were: Guy A. Ciocca, executive director; Webster; Law; Milen Dempster, project services director; Ethel Smith, manager from Tiburon; Augusta Cunningham, Hamilton Field manager, and Frances Andrews, secretary in the local office.

More than 300 representatives from Bay Area housing projects were present. No tenants were represented at the initial meeting.

Sweet Peas for House Decoration At Garden Center

Fresh cut sweet peas for bouquets are now on sale at the Marin City Garden Center, at a very reasonable price, it was announced this week.

Also available there are bedding plants for spring gardens, seeds, and tools for rent.

The Garden Center is located in the old white farm house in the upper left hand corner of the project. It is a non-profit venture run for the convenience of Marin City residents, who are invited to drop in at any time to supply their gardening needs.

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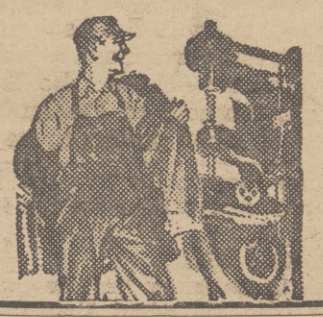

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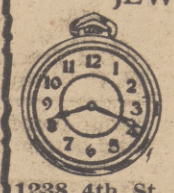

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2.—A recent Gallup Poll indicates that only one-third of the people in this country are aware of the purpose of the San Francisco Conference. Are you among that one-third?

3.—Recently a government-in-exile went home to its own country, now liberated. Which was it?

4.—All meat shipped in interstate commerce must be federally inspected. What relation does this have to the present meat shortage in some areas?

5.—During coming weeks headline writers are likely to fall back on the following initials quite often: UNCIO. What do these letters stand for?

ANSWERS

1.—Berlin was then the capital of Prussia which was fighting against Russia in the Seven Years War.

2.—You are if you know that the purpose of the Conference is to draw up a charter for an international organization to maintain peace and security after this war ends.

3.—The exiled government of Czechoslovakia went home and began to function.

4.—Areas which do not produce their own meat must depend upon the amount which can be shipped in interstate commerce. Since the army buys only federally inspected meat, the amount available for non-meat-producing areas is greatly reduced.

5.—This is the official name of the San Francisco Conference: United Nations Conference on International Organization.

(Prepared by the League of Women Voters)

Frederick Thompson

Fascists Play Up Polish Question to Disrupt Peace

The Fascist-minded in the world—those who are the prototypes of the men who fought our entry to the League of Nation—the groups who are against too permanent a peace—the Hitler, Mussolini, Franco admirers—those who look with perfect calm at the entry and foothold of Fascism in Argentina and see the suppression of labor unions there as a possible model for future American treatment — all this group (and they are influential) have now seemingly instinctively agreed that the best tool to use to disrupt the present effort in San Francisco is to play up the Polish question as the wedge that will destroy the peace.

Now if we stop to study the individuals composing these groups we find that it is hard to conceive that any of them have the slightest interest, or reason for interest, in the Polish question insofar as that question applies to the future of the peoples of Poland, and the conditions that will surround them in the future world. Quite on the other hand, their interest seems to center on Poland as a possible stumbling block to agreement among the Big Three. And they seize upon it in a concentrated attempt to build it up to a false importance, to magnify it out of all proportion to its intrinsic merit, to use it as a tool to create distrust and jealousy and hate, to have it become the deadlock that will disrupt the whole peace movement and leave the world again in uncertainty and fear.

GOVERNMENT IN EXILE

The lineup became clear months ago. We have commented on the Polish question a number of times during the last few months. We took the position that the general principle of "Government in Exile" in general, and that of Poland in Particular, were not in keeping with the times nor with the strong current of world development. We have said that the situation was too fluid — the world too quickly changing for a government that had been away from its people for five years to really know and understand the feelings and aspirations of those millions of Polish people who had no fortunes to transfer to foreign banks, and no planes to fly them to London or Switzerland or to Portugal where they might live out the war in comparative luxury and comfort.

POLISH NAZIS

It is necessary here to make the bald statement that there was no fundamental difference at all between the people who compose the Polish government in London, Hitler and his Nazis, and the Baltic Baron Junkers who are responsible for this war. In fact, they are of the same general breeding and grouping. Their war was not a war based upon opposing principles such as those of freedom and democracy as against Fascism. It was a war between people who agreed on everything except the one final question of which would grab the spoils. And in the meantime the people of Poland have been tried and tortured and have emerged with ideas formed and forged in the turmoil and the horror of destruction and slavery, and they have survived with strong feelings and solid convictions as to the future world in which they want to live.

EASTERN MODEL

It so happens that that world is a world more like the world of their great eastern neighbor about whom they had been lied to for years and whom they had been taught to hate and to fear. But they have seen the Soviets develop into a great force of freedom and liberation; they have been treated well by the Red Army; they see a people who have hope and the promise of fulfilling it, and they are not inclined to follow outmoded leaders whose one ambition is to re-establish the status quo of 1932-1939 in Poland.

Had Hitler attacked us first, instead of Poland, what would we think of a government that flew away from this country to a haven of safety, and sent us as their contribution to our struggle messages of cheer and good-will, and promises to return and govern us as soon as things were nice and snug and safe.

SELF-DETERMINATION

We face a new order in Central Europe. We will either recognize that fact and plan accordingly, or the people of Central Europe will take the settlement into their own hands, and we will face the question as to whether or not our function is to suppress them by the force of our arms and impose governments upon them by the power of our might. Fortunately the issue will not be carried to that point. It was attempted in Russia just after the last war and failed against that disorganized country. The spirit and the mood and the determination of untold millions of peoples throughout the world is against the use of force for any such purposes. And finally, their will will prevail. "San Francisco" will be a success in spite of those who would see it fail. But it is disheartening to see their organized effort to disrupt the honest attempts that are being made.

"YEAH, BUT WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT'S GROWING ON THE BACK STRETCH!"

Training Days

Shy Orphan Develops Into Notable Visiting Nurse

by Flora Scope, R. N.

This is the story of the most admirable character of my training days associations: I first saw Margaret Biddle standing uncertainly in the doorway of the nurses' home. It was our first day of training, and I remember feeling a deep sympathy for her. There she stood in a homely cotton frock which accentuated her height, and large figure in all its ungainly proportions.

Then I saw her face; it was pinched painfully, and her expression betrayed her deep suffering at being thrown in with new acquaintances, brutally, with no introductions, no friends or relatives to help her over this awful bridge of finding a home with strangers.

I couldn't help it. I went to the door and sang out gaily, "Oh, hello; what's your name? To what room are you assigned?"

Her voice was almost a whisper, as she told me her name was Margaret Biddle and she was assigned to room 51, which proved to be right across the hall from me.

I took Margaret by the hand and presented her to a few of the immediate group. She diffidently stood in the background and spoke to no one.

I didn't see her again until meal time. We were all chatting gaily in the cafeteria, and being curiously appraised by the older nurses, when I missed her. I ran back to room 51 and found her lying on the bed crying.

Adjustment Begins

"Come on, Margaret. Aren't you hungry? We're all going to eat, now. Aren't you hungry?", I asked, ignoring the tears.

She replied that she wasn't hungry, but it didn't take as much persuasion as I anticipated to get her to the dining room. She smiled for the first time.

I don't remember any more about the day, except that Margaret was by my side till bedtime.

The few weeks that followed must have been excruciating for her; meeting new people constantly, and living intimately with a strange group of young girls. She had no money, few clothes, no one who cared much about her. I found that she was an orphan, and had been reared by a penny-pinching aunt in a poor rural community, and had been shipped off to training as soon as she was 18. So, I adopted Margaret as my protege. We attended classes and meals together and began to have long talks in the evenings.

Talents Revealed

When she overcame the acute fright of mingling with strangers, she smiled a lot, and I found that she had talents that few of us had. She could paint and draw a little. She played the piano some, she was learning to play the "fiddle", and had quite a flare for writing. She loved words, and when she heard a new one, she ran to her dictionary, read its meaning carefully, used it several times, then added it to her vocabulary.

Her grades in classes, at first, were below average. This apparently was due to her inability to express herself in class adequately.

But Margaret improved steadily in everything. At the end of the first year, she wore her hair in a becoming style, added two nice dresses to her wardrobe, played violin in the nurses' orchestra, and had improved her painting and piano. But, best of all, she was losing some of her shyness.

In the beginning of the second year, Margaret and I had a long, serious discussion about our aims and aspirations. She confided to me that she was going to be the best nurse that our training school ever graduated. I gulped at that news because that was a big order to fill, and I must confess that I was a bit doubtful as to the fulfillment of that dream.

But that just shows that I still didn't give Margaret the credit that was due her.

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Family Life

By Vox Populi

Vox Junior seemed flushed at supper time and most easily upset. We didn't realize he was sick, but after he had been in bed for a while we found him crying. Emma took his temperature. It was 103.

So we phoned the Medical Center — bless it! — Sausalito 1220, and shortly a nurse came. She verified the temperature, but could find nothing wrong except a slight sore throat. Shortly thereafter she sent a doctor.

(Again we were so relieved that we belong to the Medical Plan here that assures us of medical care when we need it. We didn't have to go through the nerve-wracking experience of trying to phone an outside doctor, and not finding one in, and when we did finally locate one, of having to plead that he come to our home — then waiting, waiting for him to arrive. We thought of this because Tom Fellows, who unwisely did not belong, told us recently of having had just that experience.)

However, the doctor from the Medical Center who came that night did not find anything wrong except Vox's temp. Neither did the regular child specialist whom the Center sent to our home the next day. Emma became much worried, almost suggested that we should ask the Medical Center to send us another doctor. However, she agreed that we knew that this was a good doctor, and that when a good doctor admits in the early stage of a child's illness that she doesn't know what is wrong, that that is not cause for undue alarm. It is something to have honest frankness in your doctor. Also we knew that if a specialist was needed, we would be sent to a good one.

The next day the doctor found small ulcers (I'd call them ugly pimples) in Vox's tongue and on the inside of his mouth. He had Trench Mouth, which has been found in this county recently. His mouth had a vile odor, his temp. ran from almost 104 to 102; he didn't eat and was indeed sick. When his temp. did go down, and certain medicines and a mouth wash were prescribed, he was sick for five long days and nights, and became fearfully thin and weak.

At night was particularly tiring. Without warning he would sweat and run a hazard of cold or pneumonia. He would wake up every half hour or so and whimper. When you asked him what the trouble was, he'd say nothing, which is most annoying to an anxious father and mother. We wanted him to tell us what bothered him so that we could try to correct it.

However, we learned after a while that he wasn't really awake; he was just uncomfortable and suffering. Finally, I found that stroking the top of his head seemed to put him back to sleep again more quickly than anything else we could find to do.

He is better now, has something of an appetite, is gaining strength, and though we are tired out—our minds are at rest. Again we have cause to be grateful for the Medical Plan in face of the shortage of doctors near Marin City: It isn't the fact that we had no bills to pay that mattered most — it is that we got good service when we needed it, and knew that we could get medical care at any time of night, if needed.

One can never tell about illness, when it will strike or how serious it may become. Vox Jr. had been in fine health. What he got, anyone can get.

Piano Teacher

Several Marin City mothers are looking for a piano teacher for their children. Any local instructors are urged to contact Miss Ethel Johnson at Project Services Bldg. 40.